



## ANDREWS INTERNATIONAL HOLLYWOOD/SUNSET BID PATROL

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### **SUMMARY FOR 1-1-17 THROUGH 1-29-17**

This report takes us through week 4 of 2017. We are seeing a large increase in homeless encampments where tents are being used. This is particularly true in the area on Selma and Cherokee, Vine and Lexington and around the Salvation Army on Hollywood Blvd. The Army started a feeding program which started this year. We were averaging about ten people with a few tents encamped in the area prior to this development. The total is now close to 40 people and 25 tents. We continue to see many new homeless people in our patrol areas. We also see an increase in mentally unstable and even violent people in our areas.

In an attempt to respond to the homeless issue challenges we are facing we have altered the mission of our ambassadors to that of a field outreach team. The team is undergoing training at this time. They will be exposed to all our outreach partners and learn what resources are available.

We have an increase of 43 calls for service when compared to this time last year. This is somewhat troubling as we ended 2016 with a total of 2556 calls which was our highest yearly total to date.

### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

On 1-2-17, at about 9:40 A.M., we received a call to respond to the Arclight Theater located at 6360 Sunset Blvd. regarding a man refusing to leave. Our officers spoke to the man who became belligerent. He shouted profanities and the officers felt that he may attack them. The man finally left the scene.

About five minutes after clearing that call we responded to the Denny's at 6100 Sunset. A man was in the bathroom yelling and beating on the walls. He was unable or unwilling to speak to our officers. He continued yelling and screaming. He had obvious mental issues. He finally left the location.

Five minutes after that call we were asked to return to the Arclight as the belligerent man had returned. He quickly walked away when our officers approached.

On 1-14-17, our officers conducted a business check at the Denny's located on Sunset Blvd. Manager Sergio said that a man had been verbally abusive to staff and was refusing to leave the location. Our officers warned the man regarding trespass and he left the restaurant.

About twenty minutes later, the officers saw a group in the street at Leland and El Centro. The people told our officers that a man in the tent was threatening to set himself on fire. The man came out of the tent and the officers saw that it was the same man they had just



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contacted at Denny's. Our officers attempted to talk to the man, but he ran off between some houses. The concerned people were advised to call the LAPD. Our officers checked the area, but could not find the man.

On 1-15-17, we responded to the YMCA located at Selma and Ivar regarding several tents blocking their fire exit. Our officers were able to convince the people to take down the tents and move on.

On 1-17-17, we received a call regarding a man refusing to leave the Bank of America located at 6300 Sunset Blvd. Our officers arrived and spoke to the neatly dressed 31 year old Robert. It seems that he wanted to make a withdrawal. The only problem is that he does not have an account at the bank. He seemed very confused and we finally had to give him a 24 hour trespassing warning. He then reluctantly left.

A short time later the officers were sent to the Starbucks located at 6290 Sunset. The employee said that a man in his 50's had been sitting among the customers insulting them in the most vulgar fashion. Then man had left just prior to our arrival.

On 1-27-17, our early morning team was waking homeless people when they found a man named Christ deceased on the sidewalk outside the Bank of America located at 6300 Sunset Blvd. He was 58 years old and was an amputee.

He suffered from mental illness issues. I spoke to Douglas from the Center who had many contacts with Christ. Douglas said he had issues with diabetes and crack cocaine. He refused all assistance as he was convinced that he was about to get a huge monetary settlement from Capitol Records and the Chase Bank.

Douglas said that Christ would sometimes disappear from the streets as he sometimes left Hollywood and then hung out somewhere on Crenshaw Blvd. He also vanished as he was taken to the hospital for various medical issues. Douglas last saw Christ about a month ago.

On 1-31-17, we received a call from Amoeba Records located at 6400 Sunset of a man wielding a knife. Our dispatcher advised them to call the LAPD. The caller then said that the police had just pulled up. The man with the knife attacked a woman with his knife in front of Ground Works Coffee Shop (1501 Vine). He then went to the front of the L.A. Film School where he stabbed a young man. He then went to the Jack in the Box located at 6407 Sunset Blvd. and stabbed an elderly man. The LAPD officers then engaged and shot the suspect. The man with the knife was killed. Three other people were taken to the hospital.

On 10-8-16, we handled an incident that could have ended up the same as the above Jack in the Box situation. We received a call of a man starting a fire outside of California Wings located at 1649 Cahuenga. Upon arrival our officers contacted the man who had indeed started a small fire. He was down on the sidewalk and they asked him to get up.



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The man grabbed a knife with a 4" blade and then stood. He held it in a knife fighting type grip and then threatened the officers with it. He started swinging the knife in a slicing motion. People were coming out of area restaurants and they had to get out of the way. Our officers directed people away from the suspect while back-up officers blocked other pedestrians from walking up on the scene. We called 911 and the LAPD responded quickly to the scene and placed the man under arrest.

### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 1-4-17 LAPD Crime Control
- 2) 1-5-17 H+H Retail
- 3) 1-6-17 First Friday
- 4) 1-10-17 HHOT Outreach
- 5) 1-10-17 SBID Board
- 6) 1-11-17 BID Joint Security
- 7) 1-11-17 LAPD Crime Control
- 8) 1-11-17 Outreach Team
- 9) 1-12-17 H+H Retail
- 10) 1-12-17 Selma Park Issues
- 11) 1-18-17 Trouble Spots Tour
- 12) 1-19-17 HBID Board
- 13) 1-25-17 LAPD Crime Control
- 14) 1-26-16 H+H Retail
- 15) 1-26-17 Homeless Count Los Angeles
- 16) 1-31-16 1555 Vine Security Issues
- 17) 1-31-17 LAPD Encampment Issues

### **OUTREACH:**

On 1-4-17, a homeless man named Jesse stopped by our office hoping to get a blanket. We gave him two as well as two shirts.

On 1-11-17, the formally homeless Chris came to our office. He had hit rock bottom and we were able to assist him in getting into a shelter a couple of weeks ago. He is now living in a sober living home. He looks great. He wanted our officers to see how well he was doing and to order his new Superman costume.

On 1-20-17, we received a call of a man locked in the bathroom at 5873 Hollywood Blvd. Our officers found a man lying on the bathroom floor unconscious. There was a used needle beside him. His breathing was shallow and they could not rouse him. The officers immediately called the LAPD and paramedics.

One of our officers on this call is a Certified Nursing Assistant so was very aware of the seriousness of the man's condition. The paramedics later told us that the man would have expired without prompt treatment. They credited out quick response time and actions with possibly saving this man's life.



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We have noticed a pattern where our various clients will find someone in medical distress and then call us. This creates a delay in getting paramedics to the scene. This could be potentially be the difference between life and death. We plan to start educating our clients on the importance of calling paramedics directly when appropriate.

On 1-23-17, our outreach team and an officer met with the homeless Michael. We have known him for many years and many of the contacts have been negative and even quite hostile. We have always strived to treat him with respect and have attempted to build a positive rapport with him. These efforts have paid off to a degree as he is now willing to have honest conversation with us.

Our officers spoke to him about entering a shelter, but he said he has tried that, but prefers to be on the street as he had a bad experience there. The officers told him about the Sylmar shelter and he showed some interest. He also said that he had a serious problem with alcohol and didn't know how he could beat it. He thanked our officers for always showing concern for him. We will continue our efforts to get him into shelter and services.

The outreach team spoke to a homeless couple that we know as 50 year old David (AKA Wolf) and 25 year old Chelsea who had left the area and gone to New York. They have now returned to Hollywood and Chelsea is pregnant. They are interested in housing due to the baby, but not interested in a shelter. Our outreach team gave the couple information about medical and feeding services available. We will keep monitoring their progress.

On 1-26-17, the team met May displaced from a shelter in Spokane, Washington. She is now homeless in Hollywood. She refused our offer of assistance. Due to her age we plan to make helping her a priority and will reach out to our partners in the outreach community.

On 1-29-17, our officers spoke to the homeless Dewitt who came to the BID office. He was badly in need of clothing and our officers gave him a jacket, a pair of pants and 2 blankets. DeWitt has a broken right hand, but declined any medical assistance.



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### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 5 arrests. Four were for alcohol referrals and 1 for trespass. We also made 32 homeless referrals, assisted 3 agencies, provided 23 foot beat patrols for a total of 16 hours, assisted 407 citizens, handled 230 radio calls for service, and made 257 business contacts.

### **DEPLOYMENT:**

During this period we worked from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday through Saturday and 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday. This included officers in vehicles, bicycles, T3's and on foot.

### **TRAINING UPDATE:**

Firearms training, illness prevention, perimeter security, best practices for security and legal update.